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NEXT NCCC MEETING ELECTIONS!

DATE: Monday, April 13
At HP Santa Clara
DIRECTIONS BELOW!

Plan on attending the NCCC meeting on 13 April 1998! The agenda will include election of officers, and the program will be a "shootout" demonstration of the popular contest logging programs. Shmoozing and pizza will be at 6:30, and we get down to business at 7:00PM. As they used to say in the Chicagoland political machine, "vote early, and vote often!"

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Valedictory

This is my swan song as a presidential columnist. I've enjoyed sharing my thoughts with you each month

(although I suspect hardly anyone reads to the end of the column - on two occasions when I have offered prizes for a response to something published near the end, there has been only one taker. But since those "one takers" were different, I guess that gives me at least two faithful readers, hi).

It seems appropriate to mention some of the things that I think we accomplished together this year. Here are some of the highlights of this year, from my vantage point:

1. My primary goal was to improve attendance and enthusiasm for the club, particularly at our monthly meetings. To this end, we worked hard to make the programs interesting and to encourage lively exchanges among the membership. I think we succeeded. Attendance never dipped below 30 at any meeting, and we had 50 plus at the January meeting in SF, and over 65 (counting NCDXC) at our joint meeting with NCDXC in February. We managed to put together interesting programs each month, without ever going to "outside" speakers.
2. Another goal was to try to instill a greater sense of inclusiveness by moving the meetings around geographically. After several years of mostly meeting at the same sites in the South Bay, this year we met in SF, Oakland, Livermore, Pleasanton, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Santa Clara. This requires a lot of advance work and a modicum of thinking ahead, so thanks go to individuals who were willing to put in the time to arrange these various venues. My one regret is not being able to arrange a meeting in the central valley for our easterly members.
3. A secondary goal to me (well, maybe in this listing a tertiary goal) was to put on a great CQP and try to take back our crown lost to PVRC in SS. CQP was indeed once again the premier state QSO Party, with almost 500 logs received and

everyone happy about the improved conditions and correspondingly improved scores. Special thanks to Ed, W0YK for taking care of awards, Jim, x(es-WA6SDM) for major help with CQP and mailings, Bob, N6TV for getting the counties on as always, Al, AD6E for the log checking and putting together the results, and Bruce, W6OSP for the traditional CQP wine. Also a big thank you to all those who participated, particularly the county expeditioners who put on the rare counties.

In SS, we worked hard, encouraged by Bob, K6XX's excellent third edition of the SS handbook, and increased last year's score by about 50%. This is a terrific showing in anybody's book - unfortunately, it seems as though PVRC managed to win the numbers game and retain their laurels from 96. Even if we came in second, I'm proud of our effort.

4. New Blood - there were lots of new members, even five at one meeting, to keep new ideas and viewpoints coming into the Club.
5. By-laws revisions. The existing by-laws had served the Club well in the past, they were in need of some work. After several spirited BOD discussions, we put out a proposed revision that cleaned up some of the language and will help provide the foundation to help move the club into the new millenium.
6. Increased communications with members was another priority. George, K6GT, did a terrific job this year putting out a very readable (except maybe for the poetry) JUG, and it was on time each and every month! This year our web site came on line, thanks primarily to the heroic efforts of Webmeister Dave, N6NZ. It's a terrific site, which started out mainly as a CQP site, but is metamorphosing into an NCCC site also. He's looking for helpers to carry on the good work, so contact him if you are interested.

Special Thanks

In addition to the people mentioned above, I want to give special thanks to board of directors members Bruce, N6NT, Jim NK6L, and Ken, K2KW, who came to several lengthy BOD meetings and gave unstintingly of their time and energies. It takes a surprising amount of work to run a club like the NCCC, and it can only be run successfully if a lot of people pitch in. I was fortunate this year to have help from many such willing workers.

Board slate

Under our by-laws, new officers are elected each year at the April meeting. Traditionally, the BOD

proposes a slate of officers. Our proposal this year is as follows:

President: Steve Merchant, K6AW

Vice President/Contest Chairman: J.T. Utley, K7CO

Secretary/Treasurer: Al Maenchen, AD6E

All three have had several months to think about it since initially agreeing to be on the slate, so you can bet they are raring to go. We urge you to come out to the April meeting and give them your full support. Steve, K6AW, has also contacted three members to serve on the board of directors, in case he is elected. The following people have agreed to serve: Ken Silverman, K2KW; Al Crespo, NH7A; and Bob Wolbert, K6XX. Here's a poem about that:

"The Slate"

Farewell to the presidency

Of beloved N-triple-C.

It's been fun; you've been great.

Now welcome the slate:

AW, CO and 6E.

Upcoming Meetings

In April we will return to our normal second Monday date of April 13, at HP Santa Clara. This meeting features three main events: (1) Our usual schmoozing (oh, I mean camaraderie), (2) Election of new officers and Directors, and (3) The great contest software shootout featuring live demos of CT, NA and TR. This is a must program for anyone wanting to get their feet wet in modern contest logging (oh well, as modern as DOS programs can be, anyway - maybe at the meeting someone will explain why none of these expert programmers are using Windows. I made that comment last month. Thanks to Ed, K6CTA, for sending on some posts from the contest reflector on that subject, the general gist of which is that the programs work well as DOS programs and there isn't enough money in it to develop a Windows version, particularly if they have to have two parallel versions).

See you in April!

73, Andy

Michigan QSO Party

April 18 & 19, 1998

Sponsored by the Hazel Park ARC & the Eastern MI ARC

Operating Periods:

1800Z April 18 until 0300Z April 19

1100Z April 19 until 0200Z April 20.

Frequencies: CW - 1810, 3540, 3725, 7035, 7125,

14035, 21035, 21125, 28025, 28125; Phone - 1855,

3905, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28380; VHF - 50.125,

145.025, 146.55. Try 160 after dark on the even hours.

No WARC bands, No Repeaters.

Exchanges: Exchange signal report, serial number and QTH (County for MI stations, state, VE province or DXCC country for others). Stations on county lines will give out ONE serial number per contact but all counties may be counted as multipliers. Work stations once per band and once per mode. Work mobiles again as they change counties.

Scoring: 1 point per phone QSO and 2 points per CW QSO. Duplicate contacts must be marked. QSO's with MI Club Stations count 5 additional points each. MI Clubs identify with /CLUB. 1997 MI clubs that were active were K8EPV, W8XXX, K8XXX, KK8U, W8JXU, W8YY, N8LC, W8MRM, W8TNO.

Multipliers: MI stations - sum of MI counties + states + VE provinces + DXCC countries worked - Max 85.

Others - sum of Michigan counties worked (max 83)

Final Score: Total Points X Total Multipliers

Entry Classes: Single Op, Multi-Op, QRP & Mobile. Only one transmitted signal is allowed at a time.

Awards: Plaques & Certificates

Logs & Dupe Sheets: Logs must be submitted on an official form or reasonable facsimile. Forms are available from EMARC. Entries with 100 or more QSO's MUST have dupesheets. Computer logs (NA, CT, etc.) must include a completed paper summary sheet. Please include \$1.00 (US) with your log for a copy of the results, and to help defray the costs of mailing, printing, handling, etc.

Log Submission: Mail logs by May 31, 1998 to:

MI QSO Party (EMARC)

POB 611230

Port Huron, MI 48061-1230

E-mail logs by May 31, 1998 to k8dd@contesting.com

Check <http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/2844>

Attach an ASCII file <call>.prm or <call>.log and <call>.sum summary sheet.

73, Hank Kohl, K8DD

Feb 1998 CW Sprint Scores

NCCC #1

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| N6TV | 334-46-15,364 |
| N5KO | 308-48-14,784 |
| N6RO | 318-44-13,992 |
| W6RGG | 271-45-12,195 |
| VE7NTT | 288-42-12,096 |
| N7NG | 290-41-11,890 |
| K2KW | 271-43-11,653 |
| K6AW | 260-41-10,660 |
| N7TN | 240-41- 9,840 |
| W6CT | 221-42- 9,282 |
| total | 121,756 |

Excellent job! I think this guarantees first, second or third, and a pretty good shot at first.

NCCC #2

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| K7BV | 278-43-11,954 |
| K6CTA | 140-30- 4,200 |
| W6OAT | 70-27- 1,890 |

K6KR had to work, and could not get on. Both AD6E and AE0M suffered power failures that kept them off the air. If I had known that Dennis, K7BV, was going to do so well, I would have put him on Team #1! At least he will be seeded correctly for September.

73, Scott, W6CT

1997 Awards

Well, if you weren't one of the 43 attendees at the awards Banquet in March, you missed a great event. It was one of the largest turnouts I can remember. Some traveled from the far borders of club territory, e.g., Tom, K5RC, Midge, K5AFO, Pat, W7UA, and Dan, K7BV all the way from Nevada. The food and venue were excellent, albeit a bit expensive. Our direction for next year is to find a nice location for less money--if you have suggestions, please forward them to the new officers whom you will elect at the next meeting!

The Contester-of-the-Year award went to Stan, K6WG, for his outstanding efforts in refurbishing the K6ZM club station back to tip-top shape. Several contests were operated from there as well this year. This award is for the person we deem to have contributed extraordinarily to the NCCC in all regards, not just contesting itself. Rookie-of-the-Year went to Denny, KX7M, for his enthusiastic first year with the NCCC and the many contest efforts he mounted. Most Improved Contester is Tony, AE0M, who put in many fine contest operations this year primarily in the multi-op mode. As Tony received the award at the banquet, he was truly surprised and openly admitted that he can recall previous years that wouldn't have qualified him for this fine recognition! Congratulations Stan, Denny and Tony for making the NCCC such a great organization.

The Sweepstakes "Big Gun" award went to Rich, N7TR, for his unbelievable 3,618 QSOs in the 1997 event (CW and Phone combined.) Rich took top honors in the Phone section and second place in the CW section across all entrants in the contest! He continues to make the club, not to mention his mother (!), very proud with his exceptional performances. Well, yours truly was certainly surprised to receive the "Little Gun" award this year. I certainly hadn't thought about it. My goal was to get on and make as many points for the club as possible. The plan was to

have stacked tri-banders, a 2 element 40 and a rotatable 80 dipole. It took 3 times as much antenna work as planned and only netted a single tri-bander fixed east. I did load up the tri-bander on 40 and 80, an managed to work a few stations! With any luck, I'll be out of the "Little Gun" category next year, getting trounced by the other "Big Guns".

We still have tons of awards to get out to folks: letter openers ("slitters" in techno-speak), mouse pads, KB-500 certificates, KB-1000/2000/3000 plaques, CQP certificates, CQP plaques, wine and T-shirts. Please let me know if you will be at the next meeting on 13 April, so we can bring yours and save the club postage and volunteer time. We will also have the awards at Visalia where you can pick them up. Finally, if you would like a CQP T-shirt, we still have a few left. If you worked at least 100 stations in the 1997 CQP (or, will pledge to work at least 100 in the 1998 running of the contest), then you qualify to purchase a shirt for \$10. Contact Al, AD6E, in the CQP T-shirt department for available sizes.

73, Ed / W0YK

The TV Guide

There are lots of scores to report since last time! The club is competing in most contests, as well as WPX, so don't forget to put "NCCC" on your summary sheet!

Contest Calendar

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| CQWW WPX Contest Phone | Mar 28-29 |
| Japan Int. DX Contest | Apr 10-12 |
| CQWW WPX Contest, CW | May 30-31 |
| ARRL June VHF QSO Party | Jun 13-15 |
| All Asian DX Contest, CW | Jun 20-21 |
| ARRL Field Day | Jun 27-28 |
| IARU HF World Championship | Jul 11-12 |
| North American QSO Party, CW | Aug 1-2 |
| WAE DX Contest, CW | Aug 8-9 |
| North American QSO Party, SSB | Aug 15-16 |
| All Asian DX Contest, SSB | Sep 5-6 |
| North American Sprint, CW | Sep 6 |
| WAE DX Contest, SSB | Sep 12-13 |
| ARRL September VHF QSO Party | Sep 12-14 |
| North American Sprint, Phone | Sep 13 |
| CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY | Sep 26-27 |
| California QSO Party | Oct 3-4 |
| CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB | Oct 24-25 |
| ARRL Sweepstakes, CW | Nov 7-9 |
| ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, Phone | Nov 21-23 |
| CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW | Nov 28-29 |
| ARRL 160-Meter Contest | Dec 4-6 |
| ARRL 10-Meter Contest | Dec 12-13 |

NCCC Scores

If you would like your score to appear in the jug, please send your claimed scores by E-mail to N6TV@KKN.NET, and copy AD6E@AOL.COM for 5meg award credit. You may also use packet or regular mail. (Please do NOT send your scores to the JUG editor!...ed)

1997 ARRL Sweepstakes - CW

| | QSOS | MULTS | SCORE |
|---------------------|------|-------|---------|
| N7TR | 1397 | 79 | 220,726 |
| W6NL | 1293 | 79 | 204,294 |
| N6RO | 1260 | 78 | 196,560 |
| K6AW(@AG6D) | | | |
| 1224 | 79 | | 193,392 |
| WC6H | 1237 | 78 | 192,504 |
| K6KM(K2KW) | | | |
| 1204 | 79 | | 190,232 |
| N6TV | 1219 | 78 | 190,164 |
| N6NT | 1189 | 79 | 187,862 |
| AE6Y | 1153 | 77 | 177,562 |
| N6TU | 1040 | 79 | 164,320 |
| NI6T | 978 | 79 | 154,524 |
| N6DA | 1012 | 76 | 153,824 |
| W6BIP(+W6CT, AE0M) | | | |
| 953 | 79 | | 150,574 |
| K6A(K6PU) | | | |
| 906 | 79 | | 143,148 |
| WA6CTA | 903 | 79 | 142,674 |
| W6BSY | 900 | 78 | 140,400 |
| W0YK | 874 | 78 | 136,344 |
| K6ANP(+K6LRN, N6AD) | | | |
| 808 | 79 | | 127,664 |
| K6XX | 773 | 79 | 122,134 |
| W6EU | 763 | 79 | 120,554 |
| K6RB | 759 | 77 | 116,886 |
| W6YL(AD6E) | | | 105,028 |
| K6GT | 650 | 78 | 101,400 |
| KT6RA(+KD6KKP) | | | |
| 596 | 79 | | 94,168 |
| N6KD | 569 | 78 | 88,764 |
| W7DR | 561 | 73 | 81,906 |
| N7TN | 515 | 74 | 76,220 |
| AJ6V | 500 | 75 | 75,000 |
| W6OAT(+Pkt) | | | |
| 485 | 76 | | 73,720 |
| KA6W | 471 | 76 | 71,592 |
| W6RGG | 442 | 74 | 65,416 |
| N6PN | 400 | 77 | 61,600 |
| K6ZM(K6WG) | | | |
| 404 | 75 | | 60,600 |
| K6BPB | 365 | 73 | 53,290 |
| W6ISQ(+Pkt) | | | |

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| | 309 | 79 | 48,822 |
| K6UM | 290 | 77 | 44,660 |
| W6PLJ | 303 | 72 | 43,632 |
| K6PUD | 285 | 68 | 38,760 |
| AD6AY | 272 | 71 | 38,624 |

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| AK6L(+Pkt) | | | |
| | 246 | 76 | 37,392 |

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| KD6NOS(+Pkt) | | | |
| | 241 | 74 | 35,668 |

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| W6ISO | 205 | 68 | 27,880 |
| N6NZ | 179 | 62 | 22,196 |
| AA6W | 143 | 59 | 16,874 |

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| W6G(WB6DSV) | | | |
| | 160 | 50 | 16,000 |

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| KM6F | 119 | 51 | 12,138 |
| N6EE | 106 | 50 | 10,600 |
| K7CO | 64 | 39 | 4,992 |
| N6BT | 16 | 14 | 448 |

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| K6UM | 641 | 79 | 101,278 |
| AC6DQ | 638 | 79 | 100,804 |
| N6IJ(AE0M, N0BBS, AA6EG) | | | |
| | 570 | 76 | 86,640 |
| W6YL(AD6E) | | | 78,280 |

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| N6TV | 538 | 72 | 77,472 |
| K7CO | 462 | 78 | 72,072 |

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| AK6L(+KD6NOS, +Pkt) | | | |
| | 427 | 78 | 66,612 |

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| K6XN | 404 | 78 | 63,024 |
| N6UUG | 424 | 72 | 61,056 |
| W6IXP | 334 | 70 | 46,760 |
| K6EP | 328 | 70 | 45,920 |
| N6BT | 326 | 69 | 44,988 |

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| W6ISQ(+Pkt) | | | |
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| WX6M | 326 | 63 | 41,076 |
| W7DR/M | 263 | 78 | 41,028 |
| N6JT | 288 | 71 | 40,896 |
| N6EE | 239 | 77 | 36,806 |
| K6BPB | 248 | 68 | 33,728 |
| K6XX | 233 | 66 | 30,756 |
| WA6CTA | 220 | 62 | 27,280 |
| AJ6V | 169 | 58 | 19,604 |
| AF7Y | 127 | 55 | 13,970 |
| WA0YQM | 121 | 49 | 11,858 |
| W6OAT(+Pkt) | | | |
| | 112 | 49 | 10,976 |
| W6DPD | 116 | 46 | 10,672 |
| N6NZ | 124 | 43 | 10,664 |
| AD6AY | 105 | 49 | 10,290 |
| AA6W | 109 | 46 | 10,028 |
| N7TN | 101 | 37 | 7,474 |
| KM6F | 86 | 42 | 7,224 |
| KD6WW | 68 | 33 | 4,488 |
| N2ALE | 75 | 29 | 4,350 |
| K6ST | 46 | 30 | 2,760 |

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| KA6W | 598 | 37 | 109 | 247,324 | 20M |
| K6UM | 350 | 93 | 151 | 233,996 | SOLP |
| W6BSY | 420 | 34 | 109 | 165,451 | SOHP |
| W6PLJ | 296 | 75 | 116 | 146,490 | SOLP |
| W6ISQ | 145 | 63 | 106 | 60,502 | SOHP |
| W6BIP | 79 | 45 | 65 | 22,110 | SOHP |

1997 CQ World-Wide SSB

| Call | QSOs | Zones | Ctrys | Score | Class |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|
| KO6N(N6RO, K6AW, KX7M, NU6S, | | | | | |
| W6RGG, AE0M) | 2857 | 143 | 382 | 3,654,525 | M/M |
| VE1JX(K6HNZ) | 2459 | 98 | 302 | 2,483,200 | SO |
| N6CCL | 450 | 107 | 258 | 435,445 | SOAS |
| K6GT | 424 | 77 | 133 | 228,690 | SOHP |
| K6UM | 364 | 80 | 146 | 218,090 | SOLP |
| K6BZ | 505 | 30 | 87 | 140,049 | 15M |
| W6PLJ | 217 | 60 | 82 | 81,224 | SOLP |
| K6XX | 184 | 36 | 63 | 50,886 | |
| W6ISO | 159 | 42 | 61 | 37,286 | SOHP |
| W6ISQ(+Pkt) | 71 | 39 | 55 | 16,450 | SOAS |
| K6MA | | | | 7,800 | |
| AJ6V | 46 | 28 | 30 | 5,858 | SOAS |

ARRL 10 Meter Contest

| Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|-------------|------|-------|---------|-------------|
| K6AW(@AG6D) | | | | |
| | 768 | 94 | 269,404 | SO HP Mixed |
| K6HNZ | 1110 | 70 | 155,400 | SO HP SSB |
| W6ISO | 463 | 88 | 108,592 | SO LP Mixed |
| K6GT | 432 | 84 | 100,128 | SO HP Mixed |
| W6PLJ | 316 | 80 | 76,640 | SO LP Mixed |
| N2ALE | 53 | 23 | 2,438 | SO LP SSB |

ARRL 160 Meter Contest

| Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|-------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| N6RO | 727 | 82 | 126,690 | SO HP |
| AJ6V | 127 | 39 | 10,023 | SO HP |
| K6UM | 116 | 37 | 8,695 | SO LP |
| W6PLJ | 112 | 36 | 8,064 | SO LP |

1998 ARRL DX Contest - CW

| Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|-------|------|-------|-----------|-------|
| KD6WW | 1350 | 316 | 1,278,852 | SO AS |
| AD6E | 601 | 187 | 336,600 | SO |
| K6III | 575 | 194 | 334,068 | SO AS |
| K6WG | 727 | 153 | 332,775 | SO HP |
| W6PLJ | 392 | 137 | 160,701 | SO LP |
| W6ISO | 310 | 128 | 119,040 | SO HP |
| K6UM | 275 | 127 | 104,775 | SO LP |
| K6GT | 215 | 95 | 61,275 | SO HP |
| N6TV | 242 | 53 | 38,478 | SO HP |
| K6GL | 71 | 49 | 10,437 | |
| AJ6V | 39 | 25 | 2,925 | SO AS |

1998 ARRL DX Contest - SSB

| Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|------------|------|-------|-----------|-------|
| KP3P(K7BV) | | | | |
| | 5205 | 312 | 4,871,880 | SO |

N6RO (+AE0M, K6AW, N6NFB, K3EST, KL2A, K6GV, KM6F, KX7M) 4,200,000 M/M
WH6H(+AD6E)

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| | 3790 | | 2,900,000 | M/S |
| K6GT | 498 | 147 | 219,177 | SO HP |
| W6ISO | 437 | 166 | 217,626 | SO HP |
| K6HNZ | 721 | 100 | 216,300 | 20M |
| W6PLJ | 440 | 132 | 174,240 | SO LP |
| K6BZ | 463 | 90 | 125,010 | 15M |
| K6GL | 71 | 40 | 8,520 | |
| AJ6V | 8 | 6 | 24 | |

ARRL RTTY Contest

| Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|
| W6ISO | | | 17,612 | |
| N2ALE | 10 | 5 | 50 | |

CQ 160

| Mode | Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|
| CW | W6PLJ | 70 | 28 | 4,956 | SOLP |
| SSB | K6HNZ | 347 | 54 | 44,496 | SOHP |
| SSB | W6PLJ | 22 | 11 | 550 | SOLP |

CQ WW RTTY Contest

| Call | QSOs | Zones | Ctrys | Score | Class |
|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|
| HV4NAC(W6OSP, K6AW, W6OTC) | | | | | |
| | 1437 | 90 | 331 | 1,442,346 | M/S |
| K6XX | 96 | 26 | 51 | 18,942 | |

North American QSO Party (NAQP)

| Mode | Call | QSOs | Mults | Score | Class |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| CW | N6RO | 869 | 231 | 200,739 | SO |
| SSB | WX6V | 215 | 72 | 15,480 | SO |

That's it for now. Remember, starting in May, you'll be sending your scores to a new VP/CC!

73, Bob/N6TV

The Battle of San Francisco

While cleaning out some old papers this afternoon I came across an envelope which Carl, AI6V had given me at the end of WRTC-96. Someone had placed it anonymously in Carl's briefcase, probably on Sunday afternoon during the pool party, but before the Awards Banquet. The envelope contained a poem. I think it is brilliant and I want to share it with all of you. And to the anonymous poet, whoever you are, my sincerest apologies for misplacing your envelope and accidentally allowing this gem to go unpublished until now.

Enjoy, de Rusty, W6OAT

Dedicated to the WRTC-96 Army:

"THE BATTLE OF SAN FRANCISCO"

We had gathered together
All boys of the ether
For a fracas, a folly, a fray

We came like the wind
By wing and by wheel
To the City that sits on the Bay

Bearing secrets and knowledge
Our wits and much baggage
To joust on the plains of the sky

Now to put up or shut up
No bluster or bragging
Our best we would give, do or die

One beam and one wire
Were all we were given
To vanquish our rivals and foes

On the plains ringing 'round
The still emerald waters
That from the Yosemite flows

With toasts and sweet insult
We greeted each other
As friends over drinks and a meal

All the better in battle
To gather more treasure
A sweet vict'ry surely to steal

The day it came dawning
We rose from our slumber
The running lust hot to be waged

Nervously waiting
The final few seconds
Sore ready to finally engage

The starting bell sounded
"To booty and plunder!"
We shouted a rallying cry

"To twenty and forty
We'll run 'em, by thunder
And sort it all out, bye and bye!"

The battle fantastic
No quarter was given
Was a frequency clear? Not a chance!

It was run three then pounce two
We tuned for our quarry
A frantic St. Vitus' dance

The totals they mounted
With each thrust and parry
The hours flew by in a dream

Rounding the home stretch
As evening befell us
You could hear from each valiant team

"Just one more, all comers"
They flurried and feinted
In a lather right to the end

Leaving no stone unturned
To pick up each straggler
No energy left to expend

And then it was over
The clock struck eleven
We lay winded and tired, through and through

To the judges submitted
Our record of conquest
There was finally nothing to do

Now here we sit waiting
The bronze, gold, and silver
The medals we quested so dear

Yet we know deep inside
Each team is a champion
Chosen the best of their peers

So rise up, ye hearties
For one final volley
To each master from so far away

Put together your hands
And call out your joy
Let your heart tell your hands how to play

Go back to your sweethearts,
Your friends and companions
Full of good friendship and fun

Farewell and Godspeed
Seven-three and best wishes
This epic is finally done!

73 de P0ET
(anonymous)

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